

1 Remarks

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3 Amendments to the Claims:

4 Claims 1-29 have been canceled as indicated in the above claims list.
5 Furthermore, new claims 30-52 have been added as indicated in the claims list. Support
6 for the new claims is found in the written specification at page 12, line 16 through page
7 14, line 21, and in Fig. 6 of the drawings.

8 Election/Restrictions:

9 The Applicant hereby affirms the provisional election without traverse made by
10 Applicant's attorney, Philip Lyren, on January 21, 2004 (during a telephone conversation
11 with the Examiner) to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 19-23.

12 Accordingly, the Applicant has canceled, as indicated herein above, the non-
13 elected claims that were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner in the Office
14 action (claims 1-18 and 24-29).

15 Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 102:

16 Claims 19, 21, and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being
17 anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,603,451 (VanSickle). Claims 19-21 have been rejected
18 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,749,118 (Holland).
19 Claims 19 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S.
20 Patent No. 5,791,010 (Bradley et al.).

21 The Applicant has canceled claims 19-23 as indicated herein above. Therefore,
22 the rejections with respect thereto are now moot.

23 New Claims:

24 Claims 30-52 have been added as indicated herein above. The Applicant
25 believes that none of these new claims are anticipated by, or obvious in light of, the prior
art. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of these new claims.

Summary

The Applicant believes that this response constitutes a full and complete reply to
the Office action, and the Applicant furthermore requests timely allowance of claims
30-52. The below-signed attorney respectfully requests that, in the event that the next

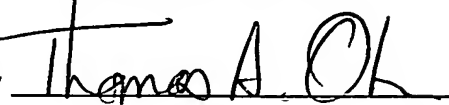
1 Office action is anything other than a Notice of Allowance for claims 30-52, the Examiner
2 call him before issuing the action.

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4 Respectfully submitted,

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Response to First Office Action